

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 616

By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Texas Brigade upon its participation in the Battle of Shiloh 150th anniversary reenactment.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary organizations and their remarkable members who, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such notable organization is the Texas Brigade, which is made up of reenacting units and living history organizations from across the nation; and

WHEREAS, under the astute leadership of General Jack King, the Texas Brigade has served as a major force in the promotion and advancement of the preservation of our heritage for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Brigade has consistently led the reenacting community in the effort to be as accurate as possible in the portrayal of the common soldier during the tumultuous War Between the States; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Texas Brigade and its member units to use the opportunity of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Shiloh to bring to the general public a new and detailed chance to see how the common soldier lived, camped, and fought; and

WHEREAS, in early 1862, General Ulysses S. Grant, leader of the Union Army, established his headquarters at the Savannah home of William H. Cherry, and it was toward these headquarters that General Albert S. Johnston, commander of many Confederate troops, marched his forces one morning in early April and

WHEREAS, after amassing his troops at Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee, General Johnston launched a surprise attack on General Grant's forces on the morning of April 6, 1862, and a fierce battle was waged around a small Methodist meeting house named Shiloh; and

WHEREAS, for two days the Battle of Shiloh raged and, at its conclusion, it was the deadliest battle in American history with 23,746 casualties. Of the more than one hundred thousand troops engaged in the battle, nearly one-quarter were dead, wounded, or missing; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that this body formally recognize the Texas Brigade's noble effort to give the public a greater appreciation for the soldiers who valiantly fought in one of the bloodiest and most important battles of the Civil War, and who diligently strive to preserve the history, historical sites, and heritage of that era; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the Texas Brigade for its tireless dedication to preserving the legacy of the Civil War soldiers who courageously sacrificed their lives in battle, thank the members of the brigade for their participation in the 150th anniversary reenactment of the Battle of Shiloh, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.